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In re Application of :
Lai et al. :
Application Number: 10/765383 :
Filing Date: 01/27/2004 :
Attorney Docket Number: :
INTV.020A :

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)¹ filed on October 21, 2008, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned on November 18, 2007, for failure to timely submit a proper reply to the non-final Office action mailed on August 17, 2007, which set a three (3)-month shortened statutory period for reply. No extensions of the time for reply in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Notice of Abandonment was mailed on March 19, 2008. The petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment filed on May 14, 2008, was dismissed on June 10, 2008.

¹ Effective December 1, 1997, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) now provide that where the delay in reply was unintentional, a petition may be filed to revive an abandoned application or a lapsed patent pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). A grantable petition filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

(1) the required reply, unless previously filed. In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In a nonprovisional application filed on or after June 8, 1995, and abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may also be met by the filing of a request for continued examination in compliance with § 1.114. In an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof. In an application abandoned for failure to pay the publication fee, the required reply must include payment of the publication fee.

(2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m);

(3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. The Director may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and

(4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(c)).

Receipt of the reply filed with the subject petition is acknowledged. The reply will be reviewed by the examiner to determine if it is in compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.111.

The application is referred to Technology Center 2621 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3231.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Wood", is positioned above the typed name.

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